

Old Regimental Headquarters
Stables and Powder Magazine
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Owner- County Court of William County, North Dakota, and State Park Board.

Date of Erection- Probably between 1875 and 1885. Abandoned 1895.

Architect- Not known.

Builder- Soldiers or Contractor's employees.

Present Condition- Fair. The roof of the powder magazine burned two or three years ago, but the stone walls are still sound. The Regimental Headquarters needs painting and a considerable amount of carpenter work, such as replacing broken window sash, doors, and porch posts.

Number of Stories- One story.

Materials of Construction- Walls of powder magazine are stone. Those of Regimental Headquarters are frame, with weatherboarding, painted white. Wood shingles on roof. Large brick chimneys of excellent design.

Other Existing Records- This was a very important place in the history of the West, not only as a place where prisoners from the Confederate Army were put on duty fighting Indians, but in later years the place where Sitting Bull, Chief Gall, and other leaders finally surrendered.

Since 1895 the Regimental Headquarters has been used from time to time as a private residence, and again as an outing home for Boy Scouts. The kitchen on the east side appears to have been added about 1916 or '20.

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